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The Baptist Entertainment

The entertainment given for the benefit of the Baptist parsonage last Friday evening was pronounced by all who attended a grand success. "The Arrogant Plague in Life" certainly did appeal to every housewife. 'Tis no wonder that Miss Page prefers teaching to house-keeping after all her troubles over that "lumpy pudding." We all appreciated her difficulties in trying to decide between such charming maids as Misses Brooding and Baron and Mesdames Beck and Romney. The part of Grandama Bustle taken by Mrs. Wm. Anderson was especially attractive and natural.

The roles taken by Miss Edna Ritchie and Little Dorothy Lewis showed talent in the dramatic art. Their mothers may find some difficulty in keeping them off the stage.

In the second little play much sympathy was felt for Mrs. George T. Peters. Should she continue to encourage this propensity to travel and to gather up the belongings of the house and distribute them as charity to sick friends and strangers promiscuously, what a wreck there will soon be of their newly made home!

Her "terrible boy" was anything but terrible except on the ginger bread subject, but Mr. Kemp was about the crossiest and cold hearted station agent we have ever come in contact with.

We are proud to have such talent in our town and trust that it will not be hidden under a bushel but given out for the benefit of the public more often in the future.

The music was especially fine—conducted by our faithful and never tiring choir leader, Mrs. W. R. Page. A. J. Evans was evidently raised among the "pocaminies" of the south and has caught the twang to a "T."

The vocal duet by Mesdames Page and Romney, "Come Where the Ladies Bloom," completely captured the audience and it showed disappointment that an encore had not been prepared.

The three blind mice had their tails cut off by Misses Brooding, Page, Puff, Baron, Ritchie and Johnson and a beautiful duodecimo quartette was rendered by Mesdames Page, Romney and Evans, Miss Page, Messrs. Blair, Beck, Halberger and Padgett. The audience would be glad to hear from these good voices frequently at the church.—Contributed.

Prevents Flies From Breeding

As a result of experiments the specialists of the department of agriculture have discovered that a small amount of borax sprinkled daily on manure, will effectively prevent the breeding of the typhoid or house fly. Similarly, the same substance applied to garbage, refuse, open toilets, damp floors, and crevices in stables, cellars or markets, will prevent fly eggs from hatching. Borax will not kill the adult fly nor prevent it from laying eggs, but its thorough use will prevent any further breeding.

Borax is inexpensive and can be purchased at grocery stores in ten and fifteen cent packages.

Mrs. James Queney is here from El Paso visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moore. She will be here about two weeks. Mrs. Queney's husband died about ten days ago in El Paso.

Contract Let For City Well

The Village Board of Trustees have let a contract this week to E. J. Fulton to drill a well for the town at the junction of North Main Street with the railroad property, which will place the well near the coal loading track of the railroad. This will also be just across the tract from the good well of the railroad company, so it is a certainty a splendid supply of water will be tapped. The water situation for Columbus, growing as it is, has been demanding the earnest consideration of the council now for some months past, and while the action at this time only contemplates the new well and the installation of the present pumping plant over the new well, we hope it may result before long in some further extensions of the water system so as to give good water service to all parts of the town.

A good water system is a necessity to the continued growth of a town, and with such a supply as we know is to be had here, and of a purity unsurpassed, some method ought to be had for the proper supply of all our people. If outside capital does not bid for this enterprise, would it not be well to vote a bond issue and put in an adequate system?

Please send in all items for the Courier earlier. We have had to leave out a number of articles this week on account of them being handed us too late.

SHOWN THE DIGNITY OF WORK

Sensible Mother Is Instilling Into Children the Joy That Comes of Labor Well Performed.

It is very difficult to interest little folks in a neighborhood in the home, however commendable, task of assisting in the household duties when one "hauled up to" and admired child in that community "doesn't have to do anything." Even the best trained nine-year-old will become strangely misanthropic and patronizing when required to take any part in dish washing or dusting if one infant is sitting in beautiful idleness or her to come out and play.

The dignity of work, the splendid capability of those who do it well, and the joy of it can be taught even to the youngest folk.

Here several little girls are banded together under my badge or sign, but by friendly ties, to do some useful task, helping in good cheer, being part of the life in their own homes, and thus earning the hours in which they may do as they choose. One mother started it, one ten-year-old girl is organizer, three others make glad the corners in which their mothers try to make home.

It is becoming unpopular to be idle. Time hangs heavy on the hands of the "don't have to" class.

NAME WAS UNKNOWN TO THEM

And Might Have Remained So Had Not a Great Light Suddenly Dawned on Terry.

The men were eating their lunch in the temporary headquarters of the chief electrician when the telephone bell rang. Terry answered.

"Hello. Yes, this is the place, mum. What's his name again? Stewart, is it? No, there ain't anybody by that name here that I know of. How does any of you know a man around here by the name of Mr. Stewart?"

"Not I," said Pat.

"Nor I," said Mike.

Phelim and Aloysius shook their heads.

"There's nobody here knows who you want, mum," said Terry in the phone. He returned to his dinner and a moment later suddenly laid down his sandwich and shouted:

"Boys, do you know who the man Stewart is that the lady wanted? Beggary, it's the best!"—Newark News.

SEEDS OF KINDNESS

I dropped a seed beside a path
And went my busy way,
Till chance or fate—I say, not which—
Led me, one summer day,
Along the self-same path: and lo!
A flower blooming there,
As fair as eye hath looked upon,
And sweet as it was fair.

I dropped a sympathetic word,
Nor stayed to watch it grow,
For little tending's needed, when
The seed is good we sow;
But once I met the man again,
And by the gladsome way
He took my hand I knew I sowed
The best of seed that day.

—Christian Register

The W. C. T. U. Meeting

The meeting of the W. C. T. U. at the home of Mrs. Yarbrough on Tuesday afternoon was well attended there being seventeen ladies present. Interesting temperance notes of state, nation and world were given by Mrs. Myron Dean, Mrs. Windsor and Mrs. A. G. Beck and prayers for the work were offered by Mrs. J. T. Dean and Mrs. R. W. Elliott. In the business session following good reports were heard from the Flower Mission and Scientific Temperance Instruction Superintendent. The treasurer reported \$6.01 in the treasury. It was voted to have the Scientific Temperance Instruction Superintendent send for materials to use in her department. A committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Windsor, Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Evans to arrange the place and program of the next meeting which will be June 11th. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Alley and Mrs. Lloyd Yarbrough, and a social hour was much enjoyed by all.

Drilling Another Well

R. W. Elliott has signed a contract to drill another well on the Anderson place southeast of town. This well will be on the same order as the other wells in that immediate vicinity, and from the success of the other drillings there is no doubt but it will be a thousand gallon a minute well or better. The drilling rig has been moved down and as soon as Mr. Anderson returns from El Paso and locates the spot on which he wants the well the drilling will be started.

Sam Ravel, one of our bustling business men, returned Monday from El Paso where he spent a week looking after business matters and visiting

The Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Bodington for the regular monthly business meeting and all-day session next Wednesday, May 3th. The members are urged to be present.

Mrs. J. A. Bullen, of Hanover, New Mexico, came here Monday to purchase the Columbus hotel. The hotel having just been sold she went out and looked over the valley investigating relinquishments with a view of securing one soon. Mrs. Bullen was very much pleased with Columbus, and was also surprised to know that the town had all been built within the past five years.

Million in State Treasury

The state treasury still had \$1,000,877.29 on the first day of the new quarter, according to the quarterly report of state treasurer O. N. Marmon, just completed. The expenditures for March totaled \$127,074.77, mostly because of the legislative session, while the amount collected during the month was only \$181,082.74, although if all the taxes that should have been collected had come in, the total would have at least five times as large.

The balance in the treasury on March 1 had been \$1,815,298.32, a large portion of this being tied up in sinking funds to redeem bonds or pay interest on or permanent investment funds. However, considering the assets of the state, the large amount of taxes due and the comparatively small indebtedness and the expenditures which are low compared with those of neighboring states, New Mexico's finances may be considered in a very healthy condition.

Thirteenth Cavalry Target Practice

The annual rifle and pistol practice for the 13th Cavalry will commence May 1st and continue for several weeks. The rifle practice will take place at the range used other years, northwest of Columbus, and the pistol ranges are as follows: One north of the railroad about 2½ miles west of Columbus, being about one-half mile north of the northeast corner of the Latham ranch, the direction of fire being west and northwest, while the other is about ¼ mile off the road leading to the rifle range, and about three miles from the Grade road, the direction of fire being a little west of north.

Of course all possible precaution will be taken by the officers in charge of the practice, but it would be well for all of us to be cautious and not get in range of this practice.

Public Auction

There will be an auction sale of household goods, farm tools, a young gentle driving horse, buggy and harness, and many other articles to numerous to mention, on the streets of Columbus, at 10:00 o'clock, a. m., on Saturday, May 8th. If you have stock or anything to sell bring it in and add to the sale.

J. W. BLAIR

ISLANDS OF LITTLE VALUE

Agriculture on the Falklands is of the Very Brightest Commercial Importance.

Port Stanley, the capital of the islands of which England's recent naval victory was won, is a small, clean town, very much resembling some of the villages in the Orkneys and Shetlands, says the London Mail Gazette. The houses occupied by the government officials and the civil employees of the Falkland Islands company are stone built, with slate roofs, but most of the others are built of driftwood and old wharf timbers.

The country around Port Stanley is a huge peat moor, more or less impassable, according to the time of year, and there are no roads fit for vehicular traffic leading out of the town. Throughout the whole of the islands there are no trees indigenous to the soil, and the tallest plants, except a species known as tussock grass, which grows from six to ten feet, do not exceed the height of the common English ferns. Agriculture is virtually impossible, for what will never ripen, and oats, rice and barley but seldom. Potatoes are unknown as a crop, and the ordinary English vegetable will not mature.

PROPER WAY TO CLEAN SHOES

Details That Many Overlook Are of the Utmost Importance When Results Are Sought For.

Very few people have the legal idea of how to clean a pair of shoes. The mistake that nearly everyone makes is of failing to brush the shoe clean before putting on the blackening.

Another blunder is that of putting on too much blackening and not working it well into the leather before starting to polish the shoe.

When cleaning brown shoes it is necessary to get all the dirt out before putting on the polish. Otherwise you render the dirt with a coat of polish and have it there for good.

You have an old pair of shoes which are beginning to look. Try the following:

Take lined off ten parts, sutton and five parts, yellow wax five parts, resin one part. Melt them together over a gentle fire, let the mixture come to a boil, then set aside till cooled to about 140 degrees. Take a brush—an old toothbrush will do—and give the shoes two coats of the mixture. Be sure to work it well into the seams. This will make the boots thoroughly waterproof.

\$20 Earned by Play

Mrs. and Miss Page wish to thank everyone who assisted them in any way in the entertainment given last Friday evening at the school building in the interest of the Baptist cause in Columbus. About \$20 was cleared, which will go very far toward furnishing a room for the pastor. The room was built with money raised at the box supper last November, and it will be furnished with the proceeds of the entertainment last Friday for all of which sincere thanks are tendered the good people of Columbus who so kindly helped us.

W. C. J. Quast has purchased the herd of thoroughbred Jersey cattle from C. L. Hallock. This is a fine herd and Mr. Quast considers himself lucky in being able to make the deal for them.

T. A. Windsor, principal of the city school, will occupy the pulpit at the M. E. church next Sunday.

Appearing Prosperous Pays

A certain aristocratic beau, who was known to be habitually broke, was asked at one time, "How do you manage to wear those shiny clothes?" He replied, "By stopping at the best hotel." When asked how he managed to stand off the hotel, he replied, "Why, that's simple! By wearing pretty clothes and appearing prosperous."

Thus of course is not a good rule to follow yet there is a lot in appearing prosperous and up-to-date. If you are writing letters to prospective customers on plain cheap paper and with a pencil you don't look prosperous and up-to-date. I know of nothing that pays more on the investment than attractive stationery, ink, or a typewriter. Come in and let us fix you up some nice stationery. It will pay you.

I Believe in My Town

I believe in my town. I believe in her people, in her boys and in her girls. I will make myself a committee of one to make of this a good place in which to live and a mighty hard place to leave.

I believe in my town. I believe in her institutions, in her schools and in her churches and stores. I believe in the street broom and the street sweeper, and in the paint pot. I believe in her empty can on a vacant lot, but many a full one in the larder. Never again will I throw waste paper or rubbish in the street or alley.

I believe in my town. I believe in trees, God's first temples, grass instead of ash heaps, and flowers instead of weeds. May God bless the tongue that gives honest praise and commendation and may He doubly bless the ear that is deaf to scandal and gossip. If I cannot speak good of my neighbor I will hold my peace. When it costs me nothing, at least, I will spend my money here, and by so doing leave a part of the purchase price to circulate in the channels where its equivalent in wealth was originally created, to do good among the folk who are a great part of the community of which I am a part, in the place that I call home, sweet home. I believe in my town.—Ed.

P. K. Lemmon, Jr., spent a few days in the Southwest metropolitan the last of last week and the first of this in the interest of the firm of Latham & Romney.